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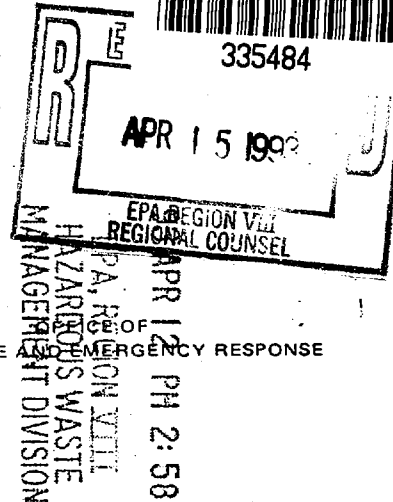
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Richardson Flat Tailings Site

FROM: Richard J. Guimond  
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Acting Assistant Administrator

TO: Robert L. Duprey, Director  
Hazardous Waste Management Division  
Region VIII

This is in response to your December 24, 1992, memorandum asking for clarification of my position on the Richardson Flat Tailings site. The site, in Summit County, Utah, was proposed to the National Priorities List in February 1992.

The attorney representing United Park City Mines (UPCM), the PRP, has indicated that I assured them EPA would not undertake a Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) or other studies at the site until EPA makes a decision on finalizing the site listing. As I understand it, the Region is currently performing some site work and would like to pursue other work which would not be consistent with such an assurance to the PRP.

I provided no such assurance in any of my dealings with UPCM. Notes recorded in the September 15, 1992, meeting with UPCM show that I did not reply to the request to hold off on performing the RI/FS or other studies. The question was asked once, to which I did not directly reply. The Region is free to proceed with site work; however, I would advise you to be cautious. UPCM's written comments on the proposed listing submitted during the comment period are substantial and a final decision on the site's NPL status has not yet been made by the Agency.

Please call Janet Grubbs at (703) 603-8860 if you have any further questions.



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